- wrong with the paths. What he may have learned, what he's -
- 2 what he's implying that he learned was that Time Warner
- 3 had been objecting to those paths. And then he puts two and
- 4 two together and figures out that there's a problem.
- 5 JUDGE SIPPEL: I can't help but think that in
- 6 light of -- in light of all we've said about how Mr. Nourain
- 7 stacks up as a Witness, that somebody wasn't giving him
- 8 either instructions or information or some kind of direction
- 9 at a specific point in time.
- MR. BEGLEITER: Clearly that -- clearly he --
- 11 clearly he was getting some instruction and information
- 12 because he was very candid that within -- within a very
- 13 close period of time, he meets with three supervisors: Tony
- 14 Ontiveros, Edward Milstein and Peter Price. That's clear.
- 15 JUDGE SIPPEL: Right.
- 16 MR. BEGLEITER: So everybody -- it's all surfaced
- 17 very, very quickly. And they know. So it's not as if -- if
- we're going back in time, that it was just simply placed on
- 19 his -- you know, in his lap and he was the only one who had
- 20 responsibility.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: He just finished telling us that he
- 22 -- the first inkling he had that there's a problem is a fax,
- 23 a mysterious fax. Information comes out of his machine. He
- 24 looks at it and he says, wow, and I've got to go see
- somebody. Nobody calls him up and says, hey, we've got a

- 1 problem here or we might have something; I want you to take
- a look at this. And then all of a sudden, these three
- 3 people for the first time are told then by him who comes
- 4 back --
- 5 MR. BEGLEITER: That's not clear either, Your
- 6 Honor. That's not clear. They may have been --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, of course it's not clear.
- 8 But you're -- it's not my -- this is why I hoping it's going
- 9 to cleared up.
- MR. BEGLEITER: This is my testimony. I'm afraid
- 11 that we may never come to the -- because I've been trying to
- do this. And again, this is a -- this is a candid hearing.
- 13 And the -- and we -- we will be candid -- candid testimony
- of these people is how it's coming out. I mean, easily,
- some other explanation, you know, could have been given.
- But this is the one he remembers. He's being candid to the
- 17 Court. It's a difficult explanation to accept. We all know
- 18 that. But that's his -- that's his best recollection. We
- 19 respect this hearing. And we're going to give you -- we're
- 20 going to give you their best memories.
- 21 But everything beyond what he's saying now becomes
- 22 -- becomes conjecture. And I think you have to ask yourself
- 23 what is there about his testimony that's negative to
- 24 Liberty's case. And the answer is I think nothing. If you
- 25 believe him that he found out that last week in April,

- 1 that's our position. And we think that everything that we -
- 2 everything that we're asking Your Honor to do by approving
- 3 the joint decision is supported once Your Honor determines
- 4 that he found out the last week in April.
- Is there reason to believe that he knew in earlier
- 6 April or in March or in February? There is no reason to
- 7 believe that. And the fact that he may have gotten it by a
- 8 fax that he can't remember in the last week in April doesn't
- 9 change the fact that he didn't know about it in February,
- 10 March and April as Mr. Beckner is trying to prove.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: That's right. But suppose somebody
- 12 else knew about it.
- MR. BEGLEITER: Well, then -- well, we're here to
- 14 prove that none of the people who are relevant did. I
- 15 mean --
- 16 MR. BECKNER: Your Honor --
- 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: This is circular. This argument is
- 18 very circular.
- 19 MR. BECKNER: Since Mr. Begleiter's making
- 20 argument, I've got to respond a little bit. I mean, the
- 21 answer to his question is is how is -- how is his testimony
- 22 bad for his client, is that his client here and the party
- 23 here is not Behrooz Nourain. It's Liberty Cable Company.
- 24 And this Witness has just testified that he received
- 25 information from someone else at Liberty from his

- 1 headquarters to the effect that they were operating without
- 2 licenses.
- 3 So somebody else knew before he knew. That's what
- 4 he's testified to. We don't know who it is, but that's what
- 5 he said. And that's consistent with his deposition
- 6 testimony which -- part of which Mr. Begleiter read to you
- 7 and the rest of which is -- goes on on pages 77 and 78 of
- 8 the May 29 transcript which is already received in evidence.
- 9 I'm not going to read it to you unless you want me to.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: No. Well, let's bring the Witness
- 11 back in and you can just pursue this.
- MR. BECKNER: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right?
- MR. BECKNER: All right.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Let's go off the record until the
- 16 Witness returns.
- 17 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: The Witness is back in the
- 19 courtroom and he's taken the stand again. And I just wanted
- to explain very broadly to you, Mr. Nourain, that where
- 21 there has been a discussion here amongst counsel and myself
- 22 with respect to focusing particularly on whether or not we
- 23 are missing some -- some information here, specifically this
- fax information that came to you and in what context it came
- 25 to you. And there were discussions about how you might have

- 1 -- you know, at what point in time you might have gotten
- 2 this information.
- 3 So we really haven't -- we haven't moved the ball
- 4 in the final analysis. But I just wanted to let you know
- 5 what was going on in here in your absence. And the reason
- 6 we had to do it that way is so that you didn't inadvertently
- 7 get some ideas from somebody as to how you -- you should
- 8 testify. In other words, we want your testimony the way you
- 9 see it; the way you recall it. Okay?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Well, you're still
- under oath and Mr. Beckner still has some questions.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 14 Q Mr. Nourain, before you were excused and we had
- our colloquy out of your presence, we were talking about
- 16 this -- and you were talking with the Presiding Judge in
- 17 particular about this fax that you say came into your office
- 18 from headquarters. And what I'd like to try to do if I can
- is to ask if you can remember the day when that fax came in,
- 20 now either the day of the week or actual the number day.
- 21 You know, was it April twenty-something or --
- 22 JUDGE SIPPEL: Would it be helpful to tell the
- 23 Witness what day of the week April -- April the 28th was?
- MR. BEGLEITER: Friday, Your Honor.
- 25 JUDGE SIPPEL: It was a Friday.

- 1 MR. SPITZER: That's correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: So April 28th when you got the
- 3 memorandum from Mr. Lehmkuhl, that was a Friday. So maybe
- 4 you can think back from there.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I'll say maybe no -- no more than
- 6 two or three days before that.
- 7 BY MR. BECKNER:
- 8 Q Okay. Now, in your deposition, I just -- I just -
- 9 again, I'm asking if this -- your recollection may be
- 10 different. At your deposition, you were asked did there
- 11 come a time when you learned that Liberty had been operating
- 12 certain facilities without an FCC authorization. This is at
- page 76, the beginning of line 18 of the May 29 deposition.
- 14 And you answered yes. And then there was another question,
- 15 "At what point did you learn this?" And you answered,
- 16 "About April 20, the end of April '95." Does that at all
- 17 help you remember what date it was that you got this fax?
- 18 Do you think it was April 20 or do you think it was closer
- 19 to April 28th?
- 20 A No. During all my discussion, as you see, I
- 21 always elaborate. I just some point said it happened April
- 22 twenty -- end of April. That's how I said it.
- 23 Q Sure, I understand.
- A So it's -- to pin it down on April 20 -- I say
- 25 then maybe April 24 or 25 or two days, three days between

- 1 April 28 to me would have all been consistent.
- Q Okay. So you're just not able to be any more
- 3 precise --
- 4 A The only thing I know is that -- I'm absolutely
- 5 sure and I always said that, it was the latter part of
- 6 April. It was that last week that Your Honor said that
- 7 April 28 was Friday. It has happened that last week.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 A To the fact that I had -- I knew it and I just
- 10 responded on a very expedited fashion on it. And that --
- 11 that I remember.
- 12 Q Okay.
- A Whether there is a couple of days here and there,
- 14 it was during that week. That I'm absolutely sure.
- 15 Q All right. Now, let me ask you about this fax
- 16 that you say you received. Did the -- did the paper itself
- 17 tell you that you had paths to buildings that weren't
- 18 licensed or did you use the information on the paper to
- 19 figure out for yourself that that was what the situation
- 20 was?
- 21 A Yes, my recollection is it wasn't really clear-
- 22 cut. That's why I say, I have to investigate that for some
- 23 time to find out based on my technical information and then
- I talked with Mike Lehmkuhl of Pepper & Corazzini. And
- 25 after all of that, we figured out about the emission

- designator and about the petition to deny by Time Warner at
- 2 the beginning of the year. All that came in combination of
- 3 all of those. That's what I remember now.
- 4 Q Okay. So the thing that you got in the fax
- 5 machine was not simply a list of addresses that were
- 6 identified as being served without licenses. Is that right?
- 7 A I -- I don't think it was, no. No. I would say
- 8 no because if I knew it, if it was the addresses, then I
- 9 wouldn't investigate. I mean, I'm just going with my
- 10 logical -- see, I'm an engineer. I have to have a logic
- 11 with what I do. And that was the case. It wasn't just --
- if there was all of them there and clear-cut says it was
- that because of that because of that, I knew it. But I
- 14 didn't know about the petition to deny for all applications
- 15 was on January until I talked to Mr. Lehmkuhl. I didn't
- 16 know about all the emission designators until I made some
- investigation on my technical information.
- So I have done few things rather than have
- 19 something like this list on this -- you know, the letter of
- 20 the 28th as a result. If I had that, then maybe a lot of
- 21 things would be clear. But these are all as a result of my
- 22 discussion with Pepper & Corazzini representative and my
- 23 investigation. So to answer your question, I don't think it
- 24 was clear-cut. All I knew was that Time Warner had
- 25 objections and -- to some unauthorized paths. And there was

- some information that led me to just go there and do some
- 2 investigation or talk to Pepper & Corazzini.
- Q Okay. Well, do you think perhaps the fax that you
- 4 received was a list of applications that -- that Time Warner
- 5 had -- in other words, did it tell you here's a list of
- 6 applications that Time Warner has petitioned to deny? Do
- 7 you think that's what it was that you got?
- 8 A If I get something like that, I will respond in
- 9 the same fashion, yes.
- 10 Q But -- but the question was is this fax that you
- 11 say came from headquarters -- I'm -- we're trying to get a -
- we don't have the document. We're trying to get an idea
- 13 of what it was.
- 14 A All I'm saying is that if anything comes that has
- 15 any resemblance -- anything comes in front of me that says
- 16 that Time Warner is denying some application, obviously that
- 17 triggers. And if -- hypothetically speaking, if that was
- 18 the case, that could have started the whole thing.
- 19 Q But you don't know whether it was or was not the
- 20 case?
- 21 A Right this minute, I don't remember.
- 22 Q Okay. I want to -- I want to read to you a
- 23 section of your deposition testimony about this. And I'm
- 24 not saying that it's inconsistent with what you're saying
- 25 today. But I want to see if it refreshes your recollection

- or perhaps you can explain -- explain it to us after you've
- 2 heard it. Right after -- this is on page 77 of the May 29
- 3 transcript.
- 4 Right after you answer the question by saying,
- 5 "About April 20, end of April 1995", when you learned that
- 6 Liberty had been operating facilities without authorization,
- 7 the next question is, "How did you come to learn about this
- 8 knowledge?" And you answered, "If I remember, some of the
- 9 information came from Time Warner of some of these buildings
- 10 without authorization." And then you were asked, "Was it
- 11 somebody at Liberty that told you that they had heard it
- 12 from Time Warner or did you have direct contact with Time
- 13 Warner?" And you answered, "No, I just got -- from what I
- 14 recall, I got something was sent; a list of the buildings
- and they say they were. That's why I found out."
- And there's another question, "I guess what I'm
- asking more specifically is, and I will try to be clear, did
- 18 Time Warner send this information directly to you?" Answer:
- 19 "No." Question: "Did somebody at Liberty convey to you
- that Time Warner had brought up this information?" Answer:
- 21 "I don't exactly remember who and how, but a document came
- 22 up to my office internally." Okay. I'm going to stop
- 23 reading there.
- Now, again, this is -- this is your deposition
- testimony of May 29 of last year. And what I want to ask

- 1 you is does that refresh your memory at all as you sit here
- 2 today about where this fax information came from and what it
- 3 was that was in the fax?
- 4 A No difference.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 MR. BEGLEITER: Your Honor, if I may.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. BEGLEITER: I would ask that Mr. -- Mr.
- 9 Nourain be excused for a moment. And then I -- I'll say
- something to you, Mr. Beckner.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right.
- MR. BEGLEITER: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Again, off the record.
- 14 (Off the record.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Back on the record.
- 16 MR. BEGLEITER: We're using the word, "fax",
- 17 loosely. He says in his deposition he didn't remember who
- or how brought it to him. Now, he may be referring to a fax
- 19 as simply a faxed document, but not necessarily faxed to
- 20 him.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, I'll have to go back and look
- 22 at today's transcript. But I thought he said that it came
- 23 to him out of this -- and he was trying to figure out which
- 24 fax machine it came out of or something. I mean, in a
- 25 very --

- 1 MR. BEGLEITER: I think Your Honor -- I think Your
- 2 Honor asked him that question and used the term, "faxed to
- 3 you."
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, maybe we better bring him in
- 5 here and clear that up --
- 6 MR. BEGLEITER: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: -- because I have -- I'm under a
- 8 distinct impression that his testimony was that he received
- 9 it by an internal fax. Now --
- 10 MR. BEGLEITER: My impression is different. Well,
- maybe -- well, maybe I'm wrong Maybe I'm mistaken.
- MR. WEBER: I think I also do recall him saying it
- came out of his machine, as well. I think his using the
- 14 word, "machine."
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, that's how I heard it, too.
- 16 All right. We'll just leave the record the way it is.
- 17 MR. BEGLEITER: Okay. All right.
- 18 JUDGE SIPPEL: Was that it?
- MR. BEGLEITER: Yes, that was it, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. Let's go off the record
- 21 until he comes back in.
- (Off the record.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Thanks, Mr. Nourain. Again, it was
- 24 -- it was just a question of getting -- trying to get some
- 25 common understanding among counsel and myself. You may

- proceed then, Mr. Beckner.
- MR. BECKNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- BY MR. BECKNER:
- 4 Q Mr. Nourain, the -- this document that you say you
- 5 received, I've been using the term, "fax." Do you -- was it
- 6 -- do you remember whether it was a fax that came to you
- 7 that started all of this?
- 8 A I think it was something came. I did not get any
- 9 direct information from Time Warner I never got. So that's
- 10 why at the time that I had that deposition and I recall that
- 11 it was some kind of a document was -- was faxed to me.
- 12 Q Okay. And I'm going to leave the deposition for a
- minute and just ask you about your testimony today.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Because I don't want to mischaracterize it. Today
- 16 -- is it your testimony today that -- that you remember
- 17 getting this -- this document that started your whole
- 18 review, that you got it from your fax machine?
- 19 A Some document was, yes, faxed.
- 20 Q Okay. All right. That's fine. Because I've been
- 21 using the term, "fax", and I want to make sure that I'm not
- 22 making something up that's not what you testified. Now, the
- document that you got, do you remember whether it was one
- 24 page or several pages?
 - 25 A I don't recall.

- 1 Q Okay. And after you got the document, take it
- that what you did is you started checking some of your own
- 3 records, is that right?
- 4 A Yes. I looked at a few things, yes.
- 5 Q Okay.
- 6 A Some technical documents.
- 7 Q And -- and -- and then after you checked the
- 8 records that you already had, did you come to some kind of
- 9 conclusion about whether or not you were -- whether or not
- 10 Liberty in fact was operating some facilities without a
- 11 license?
- 12 A No conclusion came until I discussed it with --
- all my conclusions came after I discussed with Mike
- 14 Lehmkuhl.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A That was -- that was the thing that I needed an
- 17 answer from him. He was the one that he had to answer me
- 18 because anything with regard to an unauthorized -- something
- 19 with an unauthorized building comes to me, the first thing I
- 20 will do is go to him. I just want to make sure that I know
- 21 what I'm talking to him about.
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A It wasn't that I was getting any conclusion with
- 24 my investigation or my looking at things. So I just did a
- 25 little homework to find out what -- what is -- internally I

- 1 have, but the whole conclusion came after I discussed with
- 2 him on the phone.
- 3 Q Okay. Before you called Mr. Lehmkuhl, well, I
- 4 take it that it appeared to you at least possible that some
- 5 paths to buildings were active and unlicensed and that's why
- 6 you called him, to check that. Is that --
- 7 A Could you repeat that again?
- 8 Q Before you talked to Mr. Lehmkuhl, I think I
- 9 understand you to say that you had decided that it was
- 10 possible that some paths were being run without a license.
- 11 And the reason you called Mr. Lehmkuhl was to check that.
- 12 A Absolutely not. All I said is that somebody sent
- 13 something that it says unauthorized. I didn't get the
- 14 conclusion that I assumed it was. I said that I find out
- 15 what those documents are. And I called to Mike Lehmkuhl
- 16 because I was going to talk with him to make sure he had put
- 17 an STA on it. And I didn't take that document as correct so
- 18 to speak --
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A -- if that's what you're asking.
- 21 Q Okay. No, that's --
- 22 A I didn't conclude from that. My conclusion was
- 23 after my discussion with Mike Lehmkuhl. I had -- I took
- 24 that document as benefit of a doubt, there may be a mistake
 - 25 in there at that time --

- 1 Q Sure.
- 2 A -- until I talked to the lawyer that I paid him to
- 3 get all these authorizations.
- Q Okay. Well, so, let's go back to -- the document,
- 5 when you say, "the document", in your answer, is that the
- 6 thing that came in over the fax machine?
- 7 A Yes. Yes, by document it means that.
- 8 Q Okay. I just want to --
- 9 A I could say for simplicity the piece of paper that
- 10 I got.
- 11 Q Sure. No, I just want to make sure we're talking
- 12 about the same thing.
- 13 A Yes, we're talking about the same type of
- information that we've been talking about.
- 15 Q So -- so this document that you got over the fax
- 16 machine, did it actually say this path is -- is not licensed
- or that path is not licensed?
- 18 A No. I -- I don't recall that. I just said that
- it says that there's -- Time Warner had some petition on
- 20 some paths, that they think it's been turned on
- 21 unauthorized. Some -- some -- to some kind of a legal term,
- 22 something like that.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A It's nothing less; nothing more. And no -- you
 - 25 know, everything was investigated afterwards.

- 1 Q Now, did you call Mike Lehmkuhl before or after
- 2 you talked to Tony Ontiveros about this issue?
- 3 A I -- I can't answer you. I don't recall.
- 4 Q Okay. Do you remember whether or not you spoke
- 5 with Mike Lehmkuhl before or after you and Mr. Ontiveros
- 6 went and met with Mr. Price and Mr. Edward Milstein?
- 7 A Could you repeat the question again?
- 8 Q Okay. Do you remember whether or not -- you
- 9 testified about a meeting that you had on this subject with
- 10 Mr. Edward Milstein and Mr. Peter Price.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Okay. Did that meeting happen after you had
- 13 called Mike Lehmkuhl and tried to find out what was going
- 14 on?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. So at the meeting, it was -- it was -- it
- 17 was -- at that point, you were satisfied -- at the time of
- 18 the meeting, you were satisfied first that there were in
- 19 fact some microwave paths being operated without licenses,
- and second, you knew or had an explanation as to how that
- 21 had happened which you told Mr. Price and Mr. Edward
- 22 Milstein.
- 23 A By licenses, you better use authorizations because
- I knew that we didn't have a license. But I knew that after
- 25 talking with Mike Lehmkuhl that there wasn't some STA being

- 1 filed and he didn't authorize some of the paths. At the
- 2 meeting, yes.
- 3 Q All right. At the meeting, did you discuss with
- 4 Mr. Price and Mr. Edward Milstein what to do about this
- 5 problem, how to solve it now that the discovery had been
- 6 made that you were operating without authorizations?
- 7 A As I mentioned, the meeting wasn't as much about
- 8 authorizations or discovery of it. The meeting was that I
- 9 talked to them about that Pepper & Corazzini did not apply
- 10 for the STA and obtain the authority for some of these paths
- 11 because of the emission designator. And I explained to them
- 12 about what the emission designators are and that I have you
- know, the technical part of it sometime in September of '94.
- 14 And as such, because of the emission designator foul up, we
- 15 had to file it again. It fell into January.
- And why Pepper & Corazzini didn't have an STA on
- those paths even prior to the end of 1994, as such, I found
- 18 out that after my conversation with Mike Lehmkuhl, that
- 19 there was a petition against all the paths. So as such, he
- 20 didn't do any STAs, apply or get authorization during the
- 21 1995. As such, all of these things combined created that.
- 22 And I told them that I talked with Mike Lehmkuhl and we are
- 23 applying for STAs. That was -- that was the whole
- 24 discussion. A very brief meeting. No detailed discussion
- on anything else.

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- 1 Q Okay. So I take it then from what you just said
- about the information you gave Mr. Price and Edward Milstein
- at the meeting, that you had already told Mike Lehmkuhl on
- 4 the telephone to apply for STAs for these paths.
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q Okay. And was that in the same telephone
- 7 conversation where you and Mike Lehmkuhl discussed the fact
- 8 that these paths were currently being operated without any
- 9 authorization at all?
- MR. BEGLEITER: Objection, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What basis?
- MR. BEGLEITER: I think he's mischaracterizing the
- 13 Witness' testimony.
- 14 JUDGE SIPPEL: That's -- I'll sustain the
- objection and I'll permit you to rephrase the question to
- see if you can get the Witness to agree with you.
- MR. BECKNER: Sure.
- 18 BY MR. BECKNER:
- 19 Q The telephone conversation after you -- I think
- you used the term, "did your homework", you had a telephone
- 21 conversation with Mike Lehmkuhl, correct?
- 22 A Yes, I had a telephone conversation with him.
- 23 O Okay. And in that conversation, did -- did you
- 24 determine that -- or did you and he determine together that,
- in fact, some of these addresses were being served by paths

- for which you had no authorization?
- 2 A We never discussed about authorization or
- 3 unauthorization. The only discussion was that why hasn't it
- 4 been any STAs on these paths and what is -- why did Time
- 5 Warner -- what is Time Warner's petition to deny.
- 6 Q So you -- did you tell him that some of these
- 7 paths were already being activated?
- 8 A I don't recall I told him that.
- 9 Q Did you yourself know that some of the paths were
- 10 already active and in use?
- 11 A I think from that memo that came, that we were
- 12 turning on. And I -- after my discussion with Mike
- 13 Lehmkuhl, that he did not put any STAs on it. And I asked
- 14 him why not. He mentioned because the petition to deny came
- 15 from Time Warner. That was a logical assumption that that
- 16 might have happened. That triggered the reason why the
- 17 paths are unauthorized.
- 18 Q In this series of events that you've been
- 19 testifying about, Mr. Nourain, when did you know that some
- 20 of the paths were -- that you were operating in fact were
- 21 not authorized, there was no license and there was no STA?
- 22 A After I discussed with him and told me about the
- petition and he told me that they -- there is no STA he
- 24 applied because of that petition.
 - 25 Q Okay. So -- so you -- did you have a list of

- 1 paths that you had made up yourself?
- 2 A No. Based on -- as I repeat again, based on that
- 3 paper -- document that I received, I went over part of the -
- 4 part of the technical and the rest I discussed that with
- 5 Mike Lehmkuhl about it -- about him telling me that -- what
- 6 is happening during these last couple of months. And then
- 7 he talked about some of those paths. And he mentioned about
- 8 the emission designator path. He mentioned about the Time
- 9 Warner petition and why he didn't have STAs because of
- 10 those.
- 11 Q And was it in that same phone conversation that
- you asked him to apply for STAs for all these paths or was
- it in a later conversation?
- 14 A No, no. That's correct. The same conversation, I
- said let's apply for it and provide me with an update of all
- other paths because at that time, we were trying to do
- 17 technical -- providing some technical information and we
- were going to get some of the other buildings filed although
- 19 they were not activated. So I just wanted him to clear the
- 20 whole issue and give me the update of all the paths, not the
- ones that necessarily had a problem at the time with it.
- 22 But also, the future paths. And that's what that 28th
- letter, it includes all the paths. Some of them there was a
- 24 problem. The other was what I called the future paths at
 - 25 the time.

- Q So you're telling us that at no time in the conversation that you had with Mike Lehmkuhl did you mention the fact that any of the paths that you were asking him about were already turned on?
- 5 A I don't recall I talked to him about that, no.
- Q At the time when you had the call with him,
 however, you were aware that some of these paths were
 operating, were you not?

A After I found out about the petition, after my conversation with him, yes. Then I knew there were. And he told me he didn't have an STA for some of them. And I knew we activated some paths without an STA grant because there was no STA applied to it to be granted. It was very obvious.

Q So when you -- when you first got the document that came in on the fax machine, just to go back for a moment, that document, did it cause you -- it caused you to wonder whether or not you had in fact licenses for a number of paths? Is that -- would that first -- the first document that you came -- that you got on the fax machine -- I'm just trying to get a handle on the progress of your thinking during this time. You got a document on the fax machine that came from headquarters. And apparently it raised the possibility in your mind that some applications you thought had been granted had not been granted. Is that right?

- JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm -- the Witness has already been
- 2 asked and answered at least on one occasion, perhaps several
- 3 occasions, on this subject. So I think his position with
- 4 respect to what his frame of mind was at that time is --
- is -- he's told us what it is.
- 6 MR. BECKNER: Okay.
- 7 JUDGE SIPPEL: Is there another subject area that
- 8 you want to move on to?
- 9 MR. BECKNER: Yes. No, I mean, I'll be glad to
- 10 leave this. I just --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Well --
- MR. BECKNER: I'm not clear, but if you are,
- 13 that's fine.
- 14 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, I'm not so sure -- I didn't
- 15 say I was clear. I said he's already answered the question.
- 16 That's all.
- MR. BECKNER: Yes.
- 18 JUDGE SIPPEL: The question I have is before you -
- 19 well, let me ask the question this way. Was Mr. Ontiveros
- 20 your supervisor --
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: -- in April of '95?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Before -- between the
- 25 time that you received the internal fax and you placed your

- call to Mr. Lehmkuhl, did you speak with Mr. Ontiveros about
- 2 this situation?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Well, I had talked with him -- I
- 4 don't recall right now if it was between the two or right
- 5 after I discussed it with Mike Lehmkuhl in my phone
- 6 conversation. But everything was happening on that date.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, all right. Because you gave
- 8 Mr. Lehmkuhl some very specific instructions, didn't you?
- 9 Or at least you testified to, that he was to apply or to
- 10 undertake to get STAs where necessary.
- 11 THE WITNESS: That's correct, sir.
- 12 JUDGE SIPPEL: And you wouldn't check that out
- with Mr. Ontiveros before you did that, before you gave Mr.
- 14 Lehmkuhl those instructions?
- 15 THE WITNESS: No, sir.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Is Mr. Lehmkuhl -- where is he
- 17 physically located in terms of your office?
- 18 THE WITNESS: He's in Washington, D.C.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm sorry, Mr. Ontiveros.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Mr. Ontiveros, he locates in our
- 21 office about next door.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Right next door to you.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 JUDGE SIPPEL: Now, the memo -- Mr. Lehmkuhl
- 25 addressed the memo to Mr. -- to you and to Mr. Price.

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